

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981

Veterinary Surgeons Act 1965

INSTRUMENT NO. 235 OF 2001

Explanatory Statement

The Veterinary Surgeons Board is established under Section 6 of the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1965* (the Act). Section 7(1)(a) of the Act provides for the Board to comprise of a chairperson and two members to be appointed by the Minister in accordance with the *Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981*. In order to be eligible for appointment the members must be registered veterinary surgeons and must at all times during the period of three years immediately preceding the appointment, have been entitled, under a law of a State or Territory, to practice as a veterinary surgeon in that State or Territory.

This extension of Board appointments will facilitate the transition process from the existing Acts to the proposed omnibus Health Professions Bill by permitting current experienced Board members to contribute to the planning processes.

The attached instrument appoints Dr Richard Hereward Chapman to be Chairperson of the Veterinary Surgeons Board under Section 5 of the *Health Professions Boards (Procedures) Act 1981*, for the period from the date of gazettal of the instrument to 30 June 2002.